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MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER

TUCSON, ARIZONA –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on March 22, 2004, **ACE PASQUAL MOLINA**, (D.O.B. 5/30/83) of Anegam Village, Arizona, was sentenced to 18 years in prison by United States District Judge Raner C. Collins, in Tucson, Arizona.

On January 1, 2002, the defendant, Ace Pasqual Molina, was attending a New Years Eve party near Anegam Village on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation. Witnesses observed the defendant approach the victim, Anthony Juan, with a handgun. The defendant was seen arguing with the victim and later hitting him over the head with the hand gun. Later in the evening, the defendant took out the weapon and shot the victim in the chest. The bullet penetrated the lung and heart of the victim, causing his death.

The defendant was indicted by a federal grand jury for shooting and killing the victim on April 17, 2002. The defendant pled guilty to second degree murder on March 24, 2003. On March 22, 2004, the Honorable Raner C. Collins sentenced the defendant to 18 years in prison, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. Judge Collins also ordered the defendant to pay \$1454.00 restitution to the victim's family. The investigation in this case was handled by the F.B.I. with the assistance of the Tohono O'Odham

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Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Sean C. Chapman, Assistant United States Attorney,
District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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